

Overture: Bethel Christian Reformed Church, Listowel

Bethel Christian Reformed Church in Listowel overtures Classis Huron to send the following communication to Synod 2022.

Grounds:

1. In a time when traditional values are shifting, the church needs clarity when it comes to understanding what the Bible teaches about God's will for human sexuality. To provide this clarity, the Christian Reformed Church needs a definitive statement on Human Sexuality to help congregations make decisions on how to carry out God's mission to a changing world.
2. Many in the Christian Reformed Church are seeking ways to respond pastorally to members who are struggling with a variety of sexual expressions. This report offers much in the way of encouragement to the church in this struggle.
3. The proposed communication expresses our support of the conclusions of the report, and seeks to encourage Synod's acceptance of the recommendations as they have been presented.
4. Classis Huron ought to present a unified voice to Synod 2022, in support of the effort of the committee to clarify what the Bible teaches.

Council of Bethel Christian Reformed Church

Wendy van Leeuwen, Clerk

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Proposed Communication to Synod:

Classis Huron wishes to express to synod its appreciation for the work of the Committee to Articulate a Foundation-laying Biblical Theology of Human Sexuality. It is clear to the reader that a great deal of effort has been made by the members of the Committee to faithfully reflect the truth about human sexuality, which is presented to us in God's Word.

It is our desire that the recommendations made by the committee would be accepted by Synod, and that all members of the Christian Reformed Church in North America would be encouraged to study the report and to accept the positions toward human sexuality that the report articulates.

Classis Huron

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